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All,

On behalf of the Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I am pleased to share with you the attached materials in connection with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia having contributed \$500 million to the United Nations 2019 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Ari

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SAUDI ARABIA DONATES \$500 MILLION TO UNITED NATIONS YEMEN HUMANITARIAN PLAN

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On Wednesday, September 25, 2019, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia delivered its donation of USD 500 million to the United Nations 2019 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan, reaffirming the Kingdom's unwavering commitment to the needs of the Yemeni people.

His Excellency Dr. Ibrahim Al-Assaf, Minister of Foreign Affairs, made the announcement during a humanitarian response conference held on the sidelines of the seventy-fourth session at the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

At the conference titled "The Humanitarian Situation in Yemen, The Way Forward," His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah, Supervisor-General of KSrelief; Mr. David Beasley, Executive Director of WFP; Mr. Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator; Admiral Tim Ziemer, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator of DCHA at USAID; and His Excellency Mr. Najib Al-Auj, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of the Republic of Yemen, participated and discussed the importance of the humanitarian aid to the suffering people of Yemen.

With this \$500 million contribution, Saudi Arabia has increased its support for Yemen to more than USD 14 billion since the start of 2014. This USD 500 million pledge will be transferred to a diverse set of UN-approved humanitarian organizations that will help bring the essential support to millions of Yemenis across the country.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM YEMEN CONFERENCE – THE WAY FORWARD

- "I wish to thank Saudi Arabia for their generous contribution. This money will allow United Nations agencies to save millions of lives in Yemen."
 - *Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on Saudi Arabia fulfilling its \$500 million pledge to the UN's Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan*
- "Every month we are reaching 11 million people with assistance. Without that assistance, millions of people would have died in Yemen. This program would have not been happening but for the generosity of our financiers and there is no more generous financier than the Kingdom."
 - *Mark Lowcock, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on Saudi Arabia's essential humanitarian support in Yemen*

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- “This is one thing we demand, and that is one of the things I like about the donors sitting at this table, there has not been one time, whether it’s the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, UAE, the United States, or others, that have asked us to politicize the aid. That is, in my opinion, extremely important.”
 - *David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, on the importance of non-politicized aid in Yemen*
- “While we make progress with the Houthis in certain areas over the past few months. We are still struggling with access in certain areas. With the amount of financial support that we are receiving, regardless of your view of the war, we can reach literally almost every single person inside Yemen and avoid catastrophe, if we have the access. The access is no longer from the outside, it’s from the inside.”
 - *David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, on the Houthis’ impediment of humanitarian aid inside Yemen*
- “I have had my friends at this table ask me, ‘what else can we do to provide safety and passage of your cargos, of the humanitarian aid that is needed’...The collaboration and cooperation has been quite remarkable, and an amazing improvement over the past couple of years. I think that sitting down, listening and talking, and hearing from one side and the other, and finding solutions has been a great benefit to the people of Yemen.”
 - *David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme, on the collaboration and cooperation with the Arab Coalition on-the-ground in Yemen*
- “We are the top donor to Yemen, not only in the last four and half years, but we are the top donor to Yemen over the past four decades, and we will continue to do so.”
 - *His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah, Supervisor-General of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, on Saudi aid to Yemen*
- “You heard it from the Foreign Minister a few minutes ago and you have heard it from Martin Griffiths, who said that Saudi Arabia is not only a strong supporter, but a key in the political solution. Saudi Arabia has and will continue to support a move to political solution according to the three initiatives.”
 - *His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah, Supervisor-General of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, on Saudi Arabia being a key factor in Yemeni peace*

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- “We are there to help the legitimate government of Yemen regain its approved, elected government. Saudi Arabia has, as I have mentioned before the conflict, for four decades, and will continue to help Yemen. Outside of the UN, we deliver aid to Yemen on a bilateral basis, including to the Houthi-controlled regions.”
 - *His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Al Rabeeah, Supervisor-General of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, on the impartiality of Saudi Arabia’s aid to Yemen*

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